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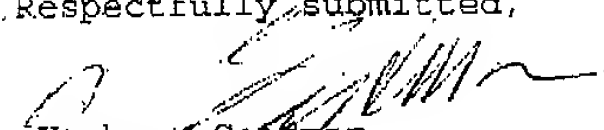
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S I R :

This is a response to the Office Action of June 24, 2003
which is a restriction requirement.

Restriction under 35 USC 121 was required between:

- "I. Claims 1-15, 22-29, drawn to a method of
manufacturing a glass substrate, classified
in class 65, subclass 111.
- II. Claims 16-21, 30-35, drawn to a glass
substrate and information recording medium,
classified in class 428, subclass 432."

The Group I claims are provisionally elected with traverse.

The basis of the traverse follows:

The middle paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action states:

"...or (2) that **the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process** (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case, the product can be made by another and materially different process, such as an edge grinding operation." (Bold print added).

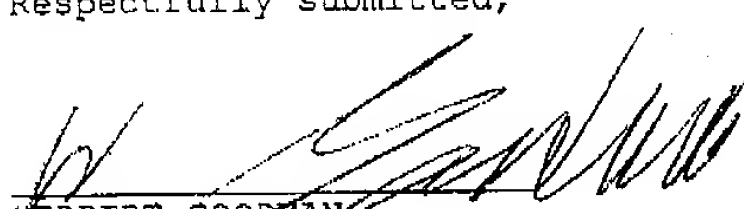
The first product claim, claim 16 follows:

"16. A glass substrate for information recording media **prepared using the method claimed in claim 1.**" (Bold print added).

The above establishes that **the product as claimed** (which includes the requirement that it be prepared using the method claimed in claim 1), cannot be made by another and materially different process.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is solicited.

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